

We know last year's State of the Union was a very different look in terms of a limited House Chamber. Does the gentleman know the protocols that are being planned for this year's State of the Union?

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I know that the Speaker is in consultation with the attending physician on what the protocol for this year might be. In the weeks ahead as we approach the date, the attending physician will make recommendations based on the current state of the pandemic.

I think, as all of us are very pleased with what we are hearing about the pandemic, it is moving in a very favorable direction, and I am sure the attending physician will take all of that into account when he establishes the protocol for the State of the Union address.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, as we talk about the broader issues relating to opening things back up, hopefully we can get the House fully operating again, ending proxy voting, getting committees to meet in person again because across the country you are seeing more States open, more communities and businesses open.

If you just look this past weekend, you had red States, blue States—in California you had the NFC Championship Game, over 73,000 people were in SoFi Stadium to watch that game. From all the footage you saw, very few people had masks on. You didn't hear of incidents, but you saw in the State of California 73,000 people gathered together. In Missouri, for the AFC Championship Game, again, over 73,000 people watching that game.

For those of us from LSU, as the gentleman knows real well, we are excited by Joe Burrow, Ja'Marr Chase, Shervin, and other LSU Tigers going to the Super Bowl for the Bengals. To see that many people—and we would understand for the Super Bowl there will be over 73,000 people there as well.

Is there any reason why science changes in California or Missouri, and when you get to D.C. why we can't have a full House Chamber here? We have been hearing we might only get 25 tickets in a Chamber that typically holds over 500 for a State of the Union.

There is clearly no science that has come against what we saw in those stadiums with over 73,000 people. We would sure encourage that we open up the House Chamber, not to just the State of the Union but to voting in general, to getting the House functioning again, to show the rest of the country that is already getting there themselves that we should and can open back up again.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I, like the gentleman, witnessed those games over the weekend. I don't know why you want to remind me of the last time you and I shared a stadium with Joe Burrow, but I do want you to know that I was pulling for him over the

weekend. That is tough for this Clemson guy to do.

I enjoyed those games. I am sure that all the people who attended them enjoyed those games. Now, what I am sure the attending physician will be taking into account is he will probably get the reports from the aftermath of those games and will be guided by that.

I am sure that if the day or two following the games everybody was well, he will take that into account. He will look and see how people fared the next day and the day after that to establish the protocol, and I am perfectly willing to wait to hear from him.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, as we have seen some more reports coming out, Johns Hopkins just came out with new reports that talk about, frankly, the detriments of shutting down. When you look at schools, especially, there is a lot of science that shows that kids that are in the classroom are not only learning better but having better health outcomes than in those schools that are shut down, where theoretically they are sitting alone by themselves which, as we know, that is not what is happening. You know, in a controlled environment it is actually better for those students than you are seeing in other environments.

If you are only looking at a silo of cases at a stadium, but you are not looking at cases that are going up in places that are shut down, you have got to look at the whole picture. I think too often some people have only cherry-picked data, and it has been at the detriment of the overall picture.

So the science ought to be clear and vivid in its description of what really is happening out there across the country in States that are fully open, in States that are more shut down. Again, red State, blue State, last weekend was a really good example that you can open things up again.

People are making choices. People know what is out there. Whether they are home alone, theoretically, they are still getting COVID in those places where things are shut down. So we would sure hope that the science would not just look at a silo but would look at the whole picture. Other scientists have done scientific studies like the Johns Hopkins report that just came out yesterday, they show there is a bigger picture.

We are hearing reports that there would be a limited number of tickets available. Maybe that is premature, but if the gentleman is saying that you are waiting on the doctor to make those recommendations, then maybe the number we were given a few days ago of 25 limitation is a premature number. Hopefully that opens up.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, you are absolutely correct, I agree with you. The number that was announced previously was based upon the situation as it stood at that moment. I suspect that if things change dramatically

in the next week or two or three that number may go down, everything else may get back close to normal.

I come from a pretty red State and the reviews are pretty mixed as it relates to even school children. Some schools are doing well, other schools aren't. It is not just what State you may be from, but a lot depends on what community that you live in.

We have a community here that we all enjoy living and working in. I am sure that the attending physician will take into account things that exist in and around this community in making his decision as to how we should conduct ourselves during the State of the Union.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, is there an expected date when that protocol will be released?

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. CLYBURN. No, I don't have any idea and have not been informed as to what date that decision will be made. I am sure it will be made and we will be given enough time for us to conduct ourselves accordingly.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I am glad to hear the gentleman's update as well on the majority leader's health. We miss him here and look forward to seeing him back here. He has left things in very good hands with the majority whip, but we also look forward to the day when he returns, hopefully next week, and that is encouraging news to hear as well.

Madam Speaker, unless the gentleman has anything else, I am prepared to yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I have nothing else.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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REMEMBERING ROSA PARKS ON HER BIRTHDAY

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I stand here today at the beginning of Black History Month to honor the mother of the civil rights movement and beloved resident of 13 District Strong, Mother Rosa Parks, on her birthday.

Today, with the help of her family, we introduced a bill to name a United States Post Office near her home in honor of this amazing and incredible civil rights leader.

The progress made by those incredible leaders who came before us, like Mother Rosa Parks, Dr. King, Malcolm X, Fred Hampton, and so many more, is under extreme threat. While some in our body right here choose to ban books and desperately try to return to the days of Jim Crow, I am proud to stand here for the radical love and beautiful strength embodied in leaders

like Mother Rosa Louise McCauley Parks.

We know our struggle against racism is a lifelong pursuit. As Mother Parks wrote: "Freedom fighters never retire."

Her memory continues to guide us.

I will add that freedom fighters never die.

I am honored to have the opportunity to lead this effort, and I am proud to have the opportunity to serve the incredible people of the 13 District Strong in our fight for equity and justice.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this effort.

CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, this week, we welcomed the Year of the Tiger with the first day of Lunar New Year.

Lunar New Year is an important holiday celebrated by many East and Southeast Asian countries. It is also celebrated widely by many Asian-American communities here in the United States, including our Orange County community in California.

As we reflect on our blessings this new year, I am grateful for the opportunity to be a voice for our Asian-American community in Congress.

Madam Speaker, 2022 is the Year of the Tiger, which symbolizes courage and bravery.

With the new year comes a new beginning and the hope of better days ahead. I hope that this year brings everyone strength, prosperity, and happiness.

(English translation of the statement made in Korean, Mandarin, Vietnamese, and Japanese is as follows:)

"Happy new year."

Korean: "saehae bok mani badeuseyo"

Mandarin: "Xīnnián kuàilè"

Vietnamese: "Chúc Mừng Năm Mới"

Japanese: "Akemashite omedetō"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from California will provide the Clerk a translation of her remarks.

PRIORITIZING EL PASO, TEXAS

(Ms. ESCOBAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I have the honor of representing El Paso, Texas, a critical hub for commerce and trade with one of the busiest land ports of entry in the country.

Today, I am proud to have voted for the passage of the America COMPETES Act to strengthen supply chains, U.S. competitiveness, and create good-paying STEM jobs at home. It will build on policies championed by congressional Democrats and President Biden that

have led to a historic year of job creation, as shown in today's jobs report.

The bill includes my amendments to address many El Paso priorities on local job creation, addressing the climate crisis, and optimizing our ports of entry.

One of my amendments creates a mandatory set-aside specifically for small businesses, the backbone of our local economy, to move into the solar component manufacturing sector.

Additionally, I included amendments that respond to the climate crisis by ensuring that we reduce deforestation and carbon dioxide emissions in developing nations and allow environmental defenders to assist in developing our climate-resilient strategy.

My amendments also address the needs of our ports of entry, El Paso's major artery for trade and commerce.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to have also addressed inflation.

PENALIZING NUCLEAR FAMILIES

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, as we go on recess for a couple of days, I want to call, one more time, attention to Robert Rector's article in The Heritage Foundation talking about the one group in America that is genuinely discriminated against: the hardworking middle class with a nuclear family with a dad.

As Rector points out, changes made in the Build Back Better Act, particularly a lot more money for low-income housing, will create up to a \$14,000 penalty that nuclear families will face when the husband and wife get married as opposed to a single family.

This is true, and this does not include other things such as, for example, Pell grants. I know the Democrat Party wants to give free college to illegal immigrants, whereas if you are a child with a mom and dad at home working, Madam Speaker, you have to go deeply in debt.

I strongly want people in this institution to focus on the nuclear family, a sizeable segment of the population, and stop discriminating against them. Give them the same things that the more favored classes get.

REMEMBERING LULAMAE CLEMONS

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Lulamae Clemons, a champion for social justice and a longtime Riverside community activist.

I knew Lulamae in the 1980s when I was getting involved in the Greater Riverside Urban League. To this day, I remember her graceful yet determined presence and her efforts to advance racial equality in our community.

Lulamae was a true pioneer. She devoted herself to her community and was persistent in her fight for quality education and fairer housing.

As the first Black administrator hired by the Riverside Office of Education and vice president of the Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Lulamae empowered minorities and broke barriers.

Lulamae understood the preciousness of civil rights, equality, and opportunity for all.

To the family of Lulamae Clemons and all those who knew, loved, and respected her, I offer my deepest condolences. Her legacy will continue to live on.

HONORING TYLER BALDWIN, A WEST VIRGINIAN HOMETOWN HERO

(Mr. MOONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOONEY. Madam Speaker, I stand before you to share a story of West Virginia's Second Congressional District's own hometown hero, Tyler Baldwin.

Tyler Baldwin is a 17-year-old young man from Newville, West Virginia, who risked his own life to rush into his neighbor's burning home.

On the morning of November 29, 2021, Tyler was going through his daily routine of getting ready for school, and he noticed his neighbor's house was on fire.

He knew his neighbor had mobility issues. Without hesitation, Tyler sprinted into the blaze and smoke and helped his neighbor escape. Tyler was treated for minor injuries, and the homeowner was shaken up but okay.

It is an honor for my staff and me to present Tyler with a formal letter of gratitude and a Congressional Certificate of Recognition at a ceremony put together by his school. I want to thank him for selflessly putting others first and congratulate him on being an upstanding citizen in his community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MS. EVA WILLIAMS

(Ms. PRESSLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a distinguished community member of the Massachusetts Seventh, Ms. Eva Williams.

Born and raised in Boston, Ms. Williams learned the value of hard work and determination at an early age. She embodied resilience and a love for her family and community, and she never let the challenges of life prevent her from following her own dreams.

Ms. Williams worked over 20 years as a bus operator for the MBTA. After retiring, she enjoyed spending more time with her children and grandchildren.